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Talent show to feature Dennison, raise money for relief

Heidi Groover
Montana Kaimin

University of Montana President George Dennison, faculty and students will perform at a talent show tonight in the UC North Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

Alpha Lambda Delta, a freshman honor society; American Indian Business Leaders, a student group for Native American business students; and the Honors Student Association are organizing the event to benefit Doctors Without Borders for work in Haiti and Chile.

Ten acts are slated for the show, with Monte opening for Dennison, the final act.

Dennison played guitar in various rock 'n' roll and blues bands in college. They had "names like 'The Starfires,' 'The Invaders,' things like that," he said.

"But I haven't played in years, and if you don't play, you lose it," Dennison said. "So I may just sing. I like Ray Charles songs, so maybe I'll pull out one of those for (the show)."

Alpha Lambda Delta president and AIBL member Tyler Emerson said it wasn't difficult to convince Dennison to perform, but other faculty members were more reluctant.

"A lot of the faculty said, 'We don't really have talents,' but we just had to keep asking and asking," Emerson said.

Microbiology professor Scott Samuels was one of those reluctant faculty members.

"I don't consider myself really very talented. I just couldn't think of anything," he said.

After considering singing biochemistry songs or conducting a microbiology-themed "Car Talk parody" for audience members to ask questions about bacteria, Samuels decided to tell a funny story from his own life. He will tell the three-minute anecdote of his mother's reaction to his move to Missoula.

"She's from New York and, as far as she's concerned, Missoula is the end of the earth," he said.

Chemistry professor Garon Smith, known to many of his students by his wizard alter-ego G. Wiz, plans to perform two tricks

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Toss-up



Greg Lindstrom/Montana Kaimin

Tyler Carpenter throws a pie late Saturday night at his downtown business, Pizza on the Fly. The restaurant, which sells New York-style pizza, is now for sale.

Pizza on the Fly cashes in on bar scene though future is uncertain

Kate Whittle
Montana Kaimin

Apparently, you can make a decent living off of feeding drunk people.

"When the bars close, it gets real busy," said Tyler Carpenter, co-owner of Pizza On the Fly, a pizza stand in downtown Missoula that sells New York-style slices late Thursday through Saturday nights.

Pizza On the Fly's "lunch rush" is after last call, thanks to its prime location near drinking establishments like Sean Kelly's, the Old Post, the Golden Rose, the Palace and the Badlander.

But the future of the business

is up in the air, since Carpenter will be deployed to Iraq within a year and has put the place on the market.

Carpenter, 27, supports his wife and two children by working 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m. until at least 2 a.m. on weekends. Sundays are his only days off.

As Carpenter tossed pizza dough at 11 p.m. on a Thursday night, he said that time of the week used to be busier, a change he attributed to different drink specials and the poor economy.

"The beginning of semesters are always great, though," he said.

Carpenter, a smoker, also thinks the smoking ban has changed bar culture in Missoula.

"It is a civil liberty that was taken," he said. "But bars do smell a lot better."

At 11:54 p.m., the first customer was a man ordering a slice of cheese pizza. Carpenter said on a busy Friday or Saturday night, he'll go through 50 pies.

Carpenter has lots of stories about dealing with inebriated Missoula residents.

"A lot of times they don't even know how much money they gave you," he said.

Though most people are friendly, some of them will get in arguments about topics like politics or engage in other antics.

"I've seen college girls drop their trousers and go to the bathroom right over there," he said,

pointing out the window, "and guys take off their shirts and pants and parade around in their boxers."

He sees, in general, a lot of "nutty stuff."

"You'll see people try to eat pizza and stick it in their ear," he said. "It makes you wonder, 'Am I like that when I'm drunk?'"

While waiting for customers, Carpenter and one of the few employees he's hired watched people run into construction tape strung across Ryman Street.

His wife, Tonya Carpenter, is co-owner of the business. The two met when they served in the same unit in the army.

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ASUM supports student fee for transportation

Jayne Fraser
Montana Kaimin

Students utilizing green transit through ASUM Park-N-Ride services, practicing their green thumb in the ASUM Student/Community Garden or seeking green energy education could see program expansions in the next few years.

The ASUM Senate voted

to support the ASUM Office of Transportation's campaign to expand the Transportation Fee to include students taking less than seven credits.

However, instead of paying the normal semester charge of \$26, students with less than seven credits would only be charged \$13.

"We expect to raise just short of \$40,000 next year," said Patrick Rhea, who serves on the ASUM

Transportation Board. "This is what we need to stay afloat. We spent \$27,000 on repairs last month."

Rhea said the Transportation Board is working with other campus offices to ensure that some students — such as those enrolled in distance learning or working as student teachers — would not be included in the change.

Transportation Director Nancy

Wilson could not say exactly how many students would be affected by the change.

Before the fee change is finalized, however, the Board of Regents, which governs all Montana colleges, must approve the amendment, which could be difficult since changes to student fees are only

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EDITORIAL



Will Melton,
News Editor

With news yesterday that Dennis Kucinich has been convinced to vote yes on health insurance reform, it is time for House Democrats to put the squeeze on any remaining stragglers and do whatever it takes to get the bill passed.

Despite Republican protests about government takeover of health care, the bill is, in reality, a reasoned compromise that will help a lot of people in the country, reduce the deficit and

Bill's benefits for country should not be overlooked

maintain the quality of the United States' health care for everyone.

There is no good reason for anybody who believes that all Americans deserve access to health care to vote against the bill. Sure, it isn't perfect by any means. It may not completely prevent some federal dollars from going to abortions in a roundabout way; it certainly doesn't provide single-payer health care. But it does constitute an improvement over the status quo, and that is what matters.

Now, there are some people who don't believe that all Americans should have access to health care or that the bureaucratic hurdles that will be caused by the government are somehow worse than the maze of paperwork and

bureaucracy caused by insurance companies. If they truly believe these things, I realize there's no way to change their minds.

But those who are against this bill because their party leadership has decided it is politically expedient to oppose it or because they are more worried about their own reelection prospects than the well-being of the American people need to put these petty issues aside and do what is best for the people of the United States.

Montana's Republican Rep. Denny Rehberg, for example, says on his Web site, "Ensuring access to affordable, quality health care for all Montanans has always been one of my top priorities in Congress." This bill is the best way to do this. But, rather than give the

bill a chance, Rehberg has supported every form of Republican obstructionism to the bill.

Rehberg, at one time, was considered moderate on health care and even bucked party leadership to support the Children's Health Insurance Plan last fall. On the current bill, however, Rehberg has done nothing but offer up rehashed Republican proposals such as liability reform and small business pools that are, by the way, already included in the Democratic bill.

Rehberg has clearly decided to follow Republican leadership in deciding that any health care bill would be a boon to Obama and the Democrats and, therefore, a detriment to Republicans.

Unfortunately, in their hope

of denying Democrats a victory, Rehberg and Republicans everywhere are turning their backs on Montanans and Americans who are in dire need of their help.

This craven opportunism is why Americans are so turned off by the legislative process, and hopefully they will see through the Republicans' cynical ploy and not reward obstructionism.

As it is, though, it is up to Democrats to resist falling prey to Republican tactics. While reform is currently unpopular, once passed, Americans will quickly start seeing the benefits of the plan and support for Democrats will climb.

If Democrats have any hope of keeping their majority, the worst thing they can do is nothing.

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THE MODERN common sense OF THINGS

MTV and the archetypal college spring break

By Karen! Garcia



I think there is a point in all our lives when we think MTV is the height of cool. Fortunately, we usually suffer from this delusion when we are younger and much more impressionable, and eventually we emerge from the haze of cheap stereotypes and bad music as if from an unhappy dream.

My phase came in fifth and sixth grade, when I would rush home from school every weekday to watch "Total Request Live" (hosted then by Carson Daly. Allegedly he left MTV willingly, but I imagine he was eventually fired for becoming too old and un-hip).

I would chatter incessantly about the programming with like-minded friends who also enjoyed "Undressed" (that semi-soap opera, semi-softcore porn show) and "Singled Out" (a dating game hosted by Jenny McCarthy and then by Carmen Electra, who we, as sixth-grade girls, clearly venerated because they were gorgeous women who resembled Barbie dolls).

And then there was MTV's "Spring Break," which consisted, as I remember, of weeklong coverage of college students in bathing suits drinking and dancing in some warm locale like Florida or Mexico. This was a land where wet T-shirt contests abounded, excessive alcohol consumption was rewarded with peer respect and at-

tractive men and women randomly hooked up while dancing on the beach. How my 11-year-old self longed to experience MTV's version of spring break.

And how my 22-year-old self now resents that naïve 11-year-old. What irritates me even more than reminiscing about my adolescent stupidity is realizing that the cultural juggernaut that is MTV still exerts its influence over people my own age. The Viacom-owned cable station has come to define spring break for college students; it has produced this schema, this lens, through which we see that weeklong hiatus from school that usually falls during March or April.

For instance, I have a friend who is finishing his senior year at West Point Academy. He is traveling to Panama City Beach, Fla., later this month with a large group of friends, and when I asked him why, his response was, "I figure this is my first and only MTV-esque spring break experience."

At this point I went off on him and, of course, regretted it immediately afterward. I guess it is none of my business if he or anyone else wants to go spend a week getting wasted and hoping for the following drunken hook-up, but while my 11-year-old self might have understood this impulse, my 22-year-

old, of-age self ironically does not.

Experiencing this "MTV-esque" spring break has somehow become a rite of passage, this validation of a college career well spent and well played. And I dislike how a media giant has imposed, consciously or otherwise (almost definitely consciously), that expectation on us.

Am I bitter and boring? Yes. But at this age, I don't want that typecast vacation. I fantasize about spring break, and all I see is sleep. Sleep, that elusive biological function that has waved a smug goodbye to me over the past few months.

During this spring break, I intend to sleep. I don't want beer, or boys, or beaches. All I want is slumber that lasts more than a handful of hours and brief relief from the morale-crushing institution that is the University of Montana's journalism program.

So all you "classic" spring breakers, go do your thing. Actually, this year MTV is hosting its spring break festivities in Acapulco, Mexico. Really, I can't think of anywhere I would rather be for my vacation. You know, what with the drug cartel wars, mass slayings and the fact that at least 17 drug-related murders transpired in that very city just last weekend. Party on!

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The Renter's Rant: Radon, the silent killer

Editor's note: This is a biweekly guest column brought to you by the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center. Please submit your questions to the ASUM Suites located on the first floor of the UC, near UM Productions, or e-mail them to beki.hartmann@mso.umt.edu. Visit www.umt.edu/asum/rentercenter to read The Montana Landlord/Tenant Act and learn more about renting in Missoula.

Sitting in your rental, without your knowledge, you might be exposing yourself to the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. I'm sure you can guess the leading cause of lung cancer: smoking. But, let's talk a little bit about the second-leading cause: radon.

Radon is a radioactive gas that cannot be smelled, tasted or seen. It comes from decaying uranium found in most soils. The radon moves through cracks, holes and crevices in your home's foundation and can get trapped inside.

Missoula County is known to have high levels of radon, so it doesn't matter if your home is brand new or an old Victorian downtown. Basement and lower level apartments are at an especially high risk because they usually lack significant airflow.

So how can radon hurt you? Radon gas decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in your lungs when you breathe. As these particles break down, they release small bursts of energy. This can damage lung tissue and lead to lung cancer over the course of your lifetime. If you smoke, or are a former smoker, the presence of radon greatly increases your risk of lung cancer.

Are you living in a basement or lower level apartment and now worried about radon? A simple do-it-yourself test is available at the Off-Campus Renter Center for free. The Missoula City-County Health Department donated a box of radon test kits, and you can pick one up in ASUM suite 105, located on the first floor of the UC. More information on radon can be found at www.epa.gov/radon.

**Beki Hartmann, Director,
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Correction:

Traditional Korean wedding clothing was misidentified in a photo caption for Tuesday's International Culture and Food Festival spread.

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approved every two years.

“President George Dennison said he would fight on our behalf to get this passed by the Board of Regents,” Rhea said.

The ASUM Senate also voted Wednesday night to allocate \$80,000 to the Office of Transportation for the purchase of an additional bus. The loan agreement states that the Office of Transportation will repay ASUM by 2013.

Wilson said this loan is half the size of what was originally expected because the Transportation Board made significant budget cuts to purchase one of the two buses without further ASUM assistance.

Wilson said the new buses would replace old ones requiring increasingly expensive repairs, although they might still be needed temporarily since ridership has also increased.

The buses are being purchased from a reputable used dealer

“ Every single person on this campus benefits from ASUM Transportation, whether they ride the buses or not. ”

Patrick Rhea, ASUM Transportation Board

and have undergone a thorough inspection, Wilson said. She said the new buses should cut back on route delays caused by malfunctioning wheelchair lifts and could create room for additional passengers because of wider aisles and more seats.

The Office of Transportation will only roll over \$20,000 into the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, Rhea said. He said it usually has \$80,000 each year to cover unpredictable expenses such as repairs or increased gas payments.

“Every single person on this campus benefits from ASUM Transportation, whether they ride the buses or not,” Rhea said, noting alleviation on traffic congestion in particular. “This money is very necessary to keep ASUM Transportation going. We will

have a very slimmed down agency next year.”

Despite concerns from some senators that the expanded fee is a solution for a temporary budget problem, Rhea said the fee will help maintain quality services as enrollment and ridership increases.

The ASUM Senate also voted to establish a board to govern the ASUM Student/Community Garden.

“Since it’s our garden and we pay the salary of the person running it, it’s more appropriate for us to treat it like an agency instead of a student club,” Vice President Emily May said.

The decision to establish a board was spurred by discussion during annual budgeting when senators expressed concern that

they were funding a position for an organization that was run, in part, by Garden City Harvest.

May said the resolution would give the senate more direct oversight over the ASUM Student/Community Garden’s director and its relationship with Garden City Harvest.

The ASUM Student/Community Garden is part of Missoula’s Community Garden system.

In other business, the senate passed a resolution to write letters to Montana’s congressional delegation and Dennison in support of President Barack Obama’s “RE-ENERGYSE” initiative.

The Regaining Our Energy Science and Engineering Edge initiative proposes to invest \$74 million to fund research and education that expands opportunities and

invention within the field of clean energy technology.

“Sen. Jon Tester is a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Climate Action Now is having a meeting with his staff on Friday to discuss this very topic,” Rhea said. “It would be great if they could hand him a copy of this resolution and a letter of support from ASUM.”

Sen. Will Selph, as chair of the Elections Committee, asked senators to encourage more students to run for next year’s ASUM senate and executive positions.

“We have only received 10 forms since Monday,” Selph said.

Applications to run in the election and petitions to be added to the ballot are now available in ASUM’s office on the first floor of the UC. Petitions must be completed and returned by March 24 at 5 p.m.

Selph encourages interested students to visit the office and speak with current senators and executives about prospective positions.

Also, the senate approved funding for the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center so the organization could upgrade the rental search application on its Web site.

Besides improving the user-friendliness of the search, director Beki Hartmann hopes the change will also help the center collect more data on the properties landlords are gearing toward students.

The ASUM Senate meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the UC.

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Memorial lecture to feature Wall Street Journal editor

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A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Wall Street Journal editor will talk about changing trends in journalism tonight at the second annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture.

Rebecca Blumenstein, deputy managing editor and international editor of the Wall Street Journal, was on the team that won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize in international

reporting for its coverage of some of the negative effects of China's flourishing capitalist economy. Her talk is titled "Making Journalism and Global Coverage Relevant in an Internet Age."

The lecture honors Jeff Cole, who graduated from the University of Montana's School of Journalism in 1980 and was a reporter and aerospace editor at the Wall Street Journal. He was on assignment in Denver when he was killed in an airplane crash in 2001. His wife,

Maria Cole, is still working to preserve his memory, first with the Jeff Cole Memorial Scholarship started in 2003, and now with the lecture series.

Cole said Blumenstein worked with her husband at the Wall Street Journal and has since had a stellar career.

"It's so great that a woman journalist has risen to this position," Cole said. "She's really putting herself and other women who are strong journalists on the map."

Cole said Wall Street Journal colleagues almost unanimously recommended getting Blumenstein as a speaker. She said she approached Blumenstein back in August and the two e-mailed back and forth. In the meantime, Blumenstein was promoted to deputy managing editor.

"I admire her so much that she made the commitment," Cole said.

She wants both the Jeff Cole scholarship and the lecture to keep going long after she's gone.

"I see this as bringing world-class journalists to this campus every single year," she said. "The idea is to bring the best of the best and have them interact with the students, so students can really get in touch with what that is and what it takes."

Blumenstein will present her lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in room 123 of the Gallagher Business Building.

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Writing contest winners to read in Poetry Corner today

Heidi Groover
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The winners of the 2009 and 2010 Merriam Frontier Award for creative writing will read in the Poetry Corner of the Mansfield Library today at 4 p.m.

This year's winner, Lehua Taitano, will read from her winning fiction collection, "appalachiapacific," and Sara Lynn Pevar, last year's winner, will read from "In Sight of Land." Both writers are second-year fiction students in

the creative writing department's master's program.

Taitano was born in Guam, grew up in South Carolina and graduated from Appalachian State University in 2000, which she said "makes for sometimes conflicting ideas about culture and identity."

"I try to write stories about characters who are typically marginalized," she said. "I tell the stories of people whose stories usually don't get told or who other people think are unimportant. The American canon of literary

fiction has historically omitted a lot of people's stories and histories. I want to contribute in any way I can to what is considered to be contemporary American literature."

Taitano said "appalachiapacific" features themes of alienation, living in diaspora and trying to find one's identity in a dominant culture. The collection will be published this summer.

Taitano's nonfiction essay "Reticulation" won the 2010 Contaminated Essay Contest from

the University of Minnesota's arts journal, and her short story "Suit" was nominated for the 2010 Pushcart Prize. She has published work in "Versal," a literary magazine, and "Fiction at Work," an online journal, and has short stories forthcoming in "The Anthology of Indigenous Writers of Micronesia" and "The Fiction at Work Biannual Report."

Pevar, a Pennsylvania native who graduated from Oberlin College in 2008, said she writes fiction that is not entirely realistic.

"It's usually a little bit exaggerated or a little gruesome or funny," she said. "I like to write about people who are slightly crazy, people with a very definite way of seeing the world that is different from other people's, and they are very set in that way."

Pevar was the fiction nominee to the AWP Intro Journals Project, a competition for unpublished writers, at Oberlin College in 2007 and has been nominated at UM for this year's AWP project.

She will read one of the three stories from her collection of work, called "In Sight of Land."

"I like the way stories sound when you read them out loud," Pevar said. "After working at them for so long, adding a comma here and a comma there, it's nice to hear them all put together."

The department accepts Merriam Frontier Award applications every fall, and winners receive \$500 and the publication of their manuscript as a chapbook. The panel of judges that selects the winner is a group of writers from outside the University.

Ginny Merriam, one of the judges, is a journalist, the communications director for the city of Missoula and the granddaughter of the award's founder, H.G. Merriam, who taught at UM and founded the University's creative writing program.

"The challenge about evaluating the entries for this award is that we get poetry, fiction and nonfiction, but we only choose one winner," she said. "We talk a lot about the writers' promise because my grandfather spent many years at the University wanting to inspire and encourage young writers, which is why he established this award and why it's not only cash, but also publishing their work."

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Montana, New Mexico square off as March Madness begins

Matt McLeod
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Who said everyone is just looking for 15 minutes of fame? The Montana Grizzlies are pushing for another 40 minutes in the lime-light as they head into the first round of the NCAA Tournament tonight in San Jose, Calif.

To do it they'll need a serious shot of stardom from their heavy hitter and a breakthrough performance from his supporting cast.

Anthony Johnson's eye-popping 42-point Big Sky Conference championship performance led a furious Griz comeback over top-seeded Weber State in front of a spellbound national audience last week.

This week, the No. 14 Griz (22-9) look to play the spoiler again, this time against Mountain

West regular season champs New Mexico (29-4).

As the Big Dance beckons, the plot thickens.

Will Johnson entertain the crowd at HP Pavilion with his mesmerizing star power for the second week running? Can the Grizzlies' defense spin a winning tale against the powerhouse Lobos' offense? Will any Montana player step into the role of sidekick for Johnson?

The script will be written tonight.

One thing is for sure: Despite what the seeds say, Montana isn't talking like a major underdog.

"We aren't a team that gets intimidated by anybody," coach Wayne Tinkle said. "We have a ton of respect for New Mexico, but these kids believe they can play with anybody."

And for good reason. If common opponents are any measure, the Griz can expect to hold their own.

Montana did lose to Colorado State by one point on the road this year, while the Lobos beat the Rams by 18 at home and six on the road, but both teams blew out Northern Arizona and beat UC Riverside by nearly identical scores. New Mexico beat the Highlanders 67-51 in November, while Montana won 67-52.

And while coach Steve Alford's Lobos have been spectacular down the stretch — winners of 15 in a row before losing the Mountain West title game to San Diego State — Montana has put together a late season surge of its own, winning nine of its final 11 contests.

In the No. 14 seed vs. No. 3 seed

matchup, the pressure is squarely on New Mexico, and off the Grizzlies' backs. It's something Alford's guys are well aware of.

"They have nothing to lose," Mountain West Player of the Year Darington Hobson said. "They're going to come out and be real aggressive and confident."

New Mexico might be a heavy favorite, but Montana is (literally) a big underdog. Unlike most Cinderellas, the Griz have size, including a pair of giants — 7-foot forward Derek Selvig and 6-foot-11 Brian Qvale.

As always, Montana's hopes rest with Johnson, who's averaged 25 points per game during his club's winning stretch, but against a lightning-quick Lobo backcourt — the trio of Hobson, Dairese Gary and Phillip McDonald —

the X-factor could be freshman Will Cherry, whose defense has remained consistent, but who has struggled offensively at times.

Cherry said from the opening tip, he'll be the aggressor.

"It's important to come out and take the game, not just wait for something to happen," Cherry said. "I've made that mistake before."

New Mexico is trying to push past the Sweet 16 for the first time in program history. Earlier this week, Hobson predicted the Lobos would crack the Elite Eight, but if history repeats itself, the New Mexico express could be in for a bumpy first-round ride.

Known as the greatest regular season New Mexico team, Norm

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March essentials: Guards are key for Lobos, Griz success

Troy Warzocha
Montana Kaimin

Guards:

Both teams feature all-conference players at the guard position, which should make for an exciting affair between Montana's Anthony Johnson and New Mexico's Darington Hobson.

Hobson and Johnson are both the leading scorers for their respective squads and have the ability to carry their teams to victory. Most recently, Johnson made national headlines with a sizzling 42-point performance against Weber State in the Big Sky Conference championship game.

Montana true freshman phenom Will Cherry handles the point for the Grizzlies and has shown alternating flashes of brilliance and immaturity throughout his rookie year. Cherry has shown the poise of a seasoned veteran at times, making a clutch turnaround jumper in the final seconds against Northern Colorado in the semifinal of the conference tournament.

Dairese Gary is New Mexico's other all-conference guard. He averaged 14.3 points per game in conference play and was named to the all-defensive team as well.

Just by sheer numbers, two all-conference guards are better than one.

Advantage: New Mexico

Big Men:

The Grizzlies may have taller players than the Lobos, but New Mexico was the top rebounding team in the Mountain West this year.

While Hobson stands at only 6 foot 7 inches, he was the leading rebounder during conference play, averaging 10.1 per game.

Besides Hobson, senior forward Roman Martinez has been a handful for defenders this season. Martinez was named to the all-conference second team and averaged 13.8 points and six rebounds this season.

Montana will counter with junior center Brian Qvale and sophomore forward Derek Selvig. The Grizzly big men combined to average about 16 points and 12 rebounds per game this season.

In order for Montana's bigs to be successful, they will have to rebound efficiently and restrict New Mexico's opportunities for second-chance points.

Advantage: New Mexico

Bench:

Four of New Mexico's starters averaged double-digit points this season. However, none of their primary bench players averaged more than five points.

Montana, on the other hand, has multiple players that have made solid contributions off the bench throughout the season.

Selvig, junior forward Raason Young, and junior guard Michael Taylor have all shown that they can step up on the offensive or defensive end if the timing is right.

Advantage: Montana

Three-point Shooting:

When on the mark, the Grizzlies are downright deadly from three-point range. Montana shot more than 40 percent from beyond the arc for the season and has five different players that have made at least 20 shots from downtown.

Martinez led the way for the Lobos in 2009-10, shooting 42.2 percent from long range. New Mexico doesn't have the 3-point shooting depth that Montana has, but Martinez, Hobson, and sophomore guard Phillip McDonald all have shown they can make the shot.

Advantage: Montana

Intangibles:

New Mexico steamrolled over teams all season, eventually peaking at No. 8 in the national polls. The Lobos opened the season on a 13-game winning streak and had a 15-game winning streak snapped by San Diego State in the semifinal of the conference tournament.

The Lobos haven't been to the NCAA Tournament since 2005 and haven't reached the second round since 1999.

After an ugly loss to Montana State on Senior Day, the Grizzlies went on a tear in the Big Sky Conference Tournament. Montana routed No. 5 Northern Arizona at home and edged No. 2 Northern Colorado before displaying its coup de grace to a national television audience.

Down by 20 at the half to No. 1 seed and regular season champion Weber State, the Griz stormed back behind 34 of Johnson's 42 points and pulled off one of the most remarkable comebacks in conference tournament history.

At this point, the Grizzlies feel like they could beat the Los Angeles Lakers.

Advantage: Montana

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University benefits from sports teams' national attention

AJ Mazzolini
Montana Kaimin

Nationally televised games and USA Today profiles are doing more than just rewarding the Griz men's basketball team for its winning season. They're also sparking interest in the University.

Jed Liston, the University of Montana vice president of enrollment, said the national coverage after last Wednesday's 22-point comeback win over Weber State could do wonders for the school. Positive press for Montana helps build a strong name that people won't forget in the future, he said.

"Overall, name recognition of the school, all those kinds of things have a real effect," Liston said. "That recognition leads to future students' perceptions, too. That may be the difference in keeping prospective students' attention. That's the beauty of it."

With the football team playing in a second-straight national

championship game mere months ago and the men's basketball team gracing many ESPN highlight reels this week, Montana has had a true presence on a national stage since early December.

That publicity can help the school's name stay in the forefront of people's minds, Liston said. Just like marketing any other product, the school has built a brand, and having people remember the Grizzly brand name will pay off, he said.

"It's difficult to measure the impact (of sports teams)," Liston said, "but we have admissions counselors visiting (schools) around the country and we have people come up and say, 'Hey, I saw that game,' or 'How 'bout those Grizzlies?' National recognition can help them decide if coming here makes sense for them."

Establishing that nationwide brand is made easier because Montana sells more university apparel than any other Football

"Through word-of-mouth and every time somebody wears a Griz shirt, our name gets out there."

-Jed Liston,
vice president
of enrollment

Championship Subdivision school. Liston said you run into maroon Griz gear all over the country these days.

"Through word-of-mouth and every time somebody wears a Griz shirt, our name gets out there," he said.

Griz basketball coach Wayne Tinkle said he too believes the success and recognition of the University's sports teams can have an effect outside of athletics.

"It can really help our enrollment, which is so important with the economy the way it is," Tinkle said. "It definitely gets us more attention and opens more eyes here."

The national media hype surrounding the Griz basketball team recently could pay off when it comes to getting new recruits for the team, as well, Tinkle added. The team is nearly finished recruiting for next year, but he hopes the attention will have a lasting impact. That should help the Griz reload with talent, as several of the team's key players are upperclassmen.

"It'll let folks know we're not just a one-sport school here," Tinkle said. "By now, it's brought us some great attention. It gets people saying, 'Holy smokes, they're really doing it the right way there.' That's huge because we get recruits from all over the country."

Though the University's Web site saw roughly an average amount of visits in the days around the Big Sky basketball tournament, Montana sports have proven to draw folks to school sites in the past.

The day of Montana's national

semifinal win in football over Appalachian State in December, which set FCS viewing records with 1,857,000 households, people visited the University of Montana's homepage at a staggering rate, said Gordy Pace, director of IT communications at the University.

UM's homepage saw new visitors soar by 230 percent, and views of the admissions page shot up 130 percent.

"There's visitors to our site that knew us for no other reason than that game," Pace said.

After last week's Big Sky Tournament championship victory and Griz guard Anthony Johnson's 42-point performance, Web site views of the Montana athletics page skyrocketed even more, jumping 700 percent.

The traffic was up quite a bit the night against Weber State, but the peak happened the next day, said Gordon Terpe, editor of montanagrizzlies.com.

While the views are strikingly high for this time of year, Terpe pointed out the Web site generally sees its peak in November or December. This coincides with Griz football playoffs, he said.

Many of the recent visits can be attributed to links from other Web sites, Terpe said. College basketball Web sites like rivals.com posted links to a YouTube video of highlights from Montana's come-from-behind win.

The video, also linked to from multiple profiles focused on Johnson, garnered close to 85,000 views so far and was in the top 75 videos viewed over the weekend, Terpe said.

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FINAL FOUR:
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MADNESS
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Ellenberger's 1978 Lobos headed to the Big Dance ranked No. 4 in the country, sporting an impressive 24-3 record. But someone forgot to tell Cal State Fullerton, who snuck into The Pit and dropped the Lobos in the first round.

Déjà vu all over again? Perhaps. Facing a team that went into their last game ranked No. 9 in the country, the gauntlet is a daunting one for Mr. Johnson and company, but the Griz star isn't flinching.

If Montana is poised within striking distance as the clock ticks down, Johnson said he will be ready to strike late, just as he did against Weber State. He said he plans to bring it for 40 minutes, but when the going really gets tough, he's set to really get going.

"I'm a second-half player, so I'll be ready to step up at the end of the game," Johnson said.

Ladies and gentlemen, buckle up for a Hollywood ending.

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Lauren Gibson, a senior studying music education and flute performance, plans to play “Winter Spirits” at the show.

“It’s got a lot of Native American melodic lines and it’s very interwoven with nature,” she said. “It’s a very inspiring and uplifting piece, so I thought it would be good for this.”

Yesenia Zuluaga, a graduate student studying intercultural youth and family development, and Liam Rafferty, a doctoral

“As human beings, we just feel the need to help anyone who is in need, and this is our small way of giving back.”

Yesenia Zuluaga, graduate student, performer

candidate studying applied mathematics, will perform a salsa dance to the Haitian song “Pa Koute Konsey.”

Zuluaga, who has been dancing since she was 4 years old, said she feels a special connection to Haiti after working there and coming from a South American family.

“As human beings, we just feel the need to help anyone who is in need, and this is our small way of giving back,” she said. “One person might not make such a dent, but with the help of the whole community, we can really contribute something worthy to those in need.”

Organizers chose Doctors Without Borders because of the low proportion of money the organization spends on publicity and its lack of religious affiliation, said Alpha Lambda Delta Vice

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Mayor John Engen had agreed to emcee the event, but canceled last week because of a scheduling conflict. Sheila Callahan, co-founder of local radio company Mountain Broadcasting, will now emcee, Olson said.

AIBL helped the group market the event and HSA helped

organize and advertise. Athletic director Jim O’Day donated prizes to be raffled, including Griz wear, men’s and women’s basketball tickets for next season and two large football photo prints, Drake said.

Dennison has agreed to contribute financially to the event.

“They didn’t ask for a lot; I think they have it mostly covered, but whatever they do need, I will help with because all of the profits should go to the cause,” Dennison said.

Entrance to the show is \$5 for the public and \$3 for those 21 and younger or UM students with valid Griz cards. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and winners will be drawn throughout the event. All proceeds will benefit Doctors Without Borders.

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PIZZA

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“We’ve traveled all over,” Tyler Carpenter said. “We’re always together.”

Tonya Carpenter worked at Pizza On the Fly until she was 8 months pregnant. Now she stays at home with their 6-month-old twins, Emily and Adriana.

The couple didn’t really plan on going into the drunk-food business. Tyler, a U.S. army specialist, and Tonya, an army sergeant, were looking for work after coming back from Iraq. They first tried the coffee business, with a “Bubbles and Beans” stand in Billings, but discovered that “Montana wasn’t ready for bubble tea,” Tyler said. After the couple saw the listing for Pizza On the Fly on the Internet a few years ago, pizza became their bread and butter.

Tyler Carpenter likes pizza fine, but fondly remembers the exotic cuisines he ate while stationed in Korea, Turkey, and Iraq.

“I think people in Montana are scared to try new things,” he said. “I was the same way before I got in the military.”

Carpenter said Iraqi dishes featured lamb, goat and rice, and everyone ate out of a big dish with their hands. He said in Turkey, Pizza Hut is called Pizza Hot and makes unusual substitutions, like hot dogs for pepperoni.

Carpenter is waiting for the results of a health exam before he and his family will pack up and move to San Antonio, Texas, so he can attend the United States Army School for respiratory therapy. After school, Carpenter will be sent to Iraq. He said he has no reason to leave the military.

“Yeah, why not? They got good insurance,” he said.

He’s not worried about the future of Pizza On the Fly. He said a couple of people have looked at the place.

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Counseling and Psychological Services. Personal counseling appointments available. Please call 243-4711

Stuttering Support Group for Adults. UM Speech Language and Hearing Clinic March 24th at 5:15pm (Curry Health Center-Lower Level) Contact: Chris Merriman, Christine.merriman@umontana.edu, or 243-2377.

SERVICES

Reliable PC/laptop repair. Student discount! Computer Central 136 E. Broadway 542-6540

Basic Wildfire Training, April 10-11 and April 17-18; for info call 543-0013

Seeking mentors primarily African or Native American for Youth Homes' mentor program. Mentors work directly with youth of color who are in foster care, adoption, and guardianship care. Great

opportunity for a student seeking practicum/internship hours. 1 year commitment preferred. For more information call Elrae at 721-2754

MISCELLANEOUS

Best cash price paid for your used guns. 546-6745 leave message

Wanted information that can assist in identifying the person who sold or made counterfeit Forester's Ball tickets. Anyone with information please contact Detective Christopher Croft at 243-6131 or Crime Stoppers at 271-4444. A reward is available up to 1,000.00 for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

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